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Mrs. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Finance Docket No. 35523, CSX Transportation, Inc. –Joint Use –Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company - Semi-Annual Report No. 5**

Dear Mrs. Rutson:

Pursuant to voluntary mitigation measure (“VM”) 62 and mandatory mitigation measure (“MM”) 23 imposed by the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) in *CSX Transportation, Inc. –Joint Use –Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company, Inc.* Docket No. FD 35523 (served April 10, 2015) (the “Decision”), CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) and the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company (“L&I” and together with CSXT, the “Applicants”) are submitting their fifth semi-annual report on the progress of, implementation of, and compliance with the mitigation measures for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The Upgrade is not required to be completed until June 17, 2022.

CSXT acquired the easement over the 106.5-mile railroad line between L&I’s connection with CSXT in Indianapolis, Ind., at milepost 4.0±, and L&I’s connection with CSXT in Louisville, Ky., at milepost 110.5± (the “L&I Line”) on June 17, 2015 (the “Transaction”). Pursuant to the terms of the Transaction, L&I is responsible for conducting all construction related to the Upgrade on the L&I Line.

Enclosed is an Excel spreadsheet that lists each specific mitigation measures (62 VM and 23 MM), the implementation deadline for each (if any), the process, and the status of implementation. Below is a detailed description of activities between July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 concerning the Upgrade/Construction, Operations, and other issues related to the Transaction.

In compliance with VM 62, the period for the sixth semi-annual report ended on June 30, 2018.

Upgrade/Construction.

As required by the conditions imposed in the *Decision*, specific provisions in the contracts entered with contractors that perform the Upgrade work require them to comply with VM 1-29 and MM 9-13.

Between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, jointed rail was replaced with 136# continuous welded rail between milepost 29.3 and milepost 4.0. One hundred and three (103) at-grade highway grade crossings were renewed between milepost 55.7 and milepost 4.0 in conjunction with the main track work.

Also during this period, the Garden Siding (MP 43.7 to MP 42.7), Brooks Siding (MP 38.9 to MP 37.8), and Elvin Siding (MP 21.5 to MP 20.9) were rehabilitated with new crossties and surfacing and were designed to minimize blockages of public at-grade crossings. The north switch at Garden Siding was shifted south to remove it from a curve in its old location. The south switch of Brooks Siding was moved southward from MP 38.8 to MP 38.9 and the siding was extended 250 feet to make tail room for locomotives to run to the north end of the Yard without occupying the main track. The Elvin Siding was shifted southward approximately 900 feet to remove the north switch from a curve at its old location (MP 20.7 and MP 21.4).

Operations.

During this period two trains were added on the north end of the Line between Seymour and Indianapolis. All required signage and notifications for this traffic occurred during the period covered in the fourth semi-annual report.

Training.

A number of community events were held where Emergency Outreach was conducted including: Henryville Fire Department Days (400 attendees); Jeffersonville National Night Out (100 attendees); Franklin National Night Out (1000 attendees); and Seymour Oktoberfest, 350+ (18,000 attended over two days).

During the July 1 - December 31, 2017 reporting period, the following Operation Lifesaver® (OLS) programs were made available to communities. During the Second Half of 2017, OLS programs were made available to communities.

In October 2017, the "Sly Fox and Birdie" Activity Book for children was distributed at the Jackson County Headstart and Clarksville Elementary school used a physics lesson comparing trains to other vehicles. In December 2017, the Seymour and Edinburgh Police Departments utilized ST3 litter bags and crossing pamphlets during an enforcement blitz.

Several First Responder trainings were held: (1) on July 8, 2017, OLS Law Enforcement Guidebook and training in Versailles, IN; (2) on July 25, 2017, CSX RSER DVD training in Vernon Township in Crothersville, IN; (3) on September 16, 2017, mock crash training in Bartholomew County, IN; (4) on September 25-27, 2017, the Hazmat Safety Train provided training in Franklin, IN; (5) on October 11, 17, and 19 and November 2 and 3, 2017, CSX RSER DVD and OLS Law Enforcement Guidebook training at the Franklin Police Department; (6) on

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November 28-29, 2017, Franklin Police Department Officers rode through Franklin on a train; and (7) on November 29, 2017 Indiana State Police officers rode from Edinburgh to Seymour, IN on a train and encountered close calls and representative scenarios in Columbus, IN.

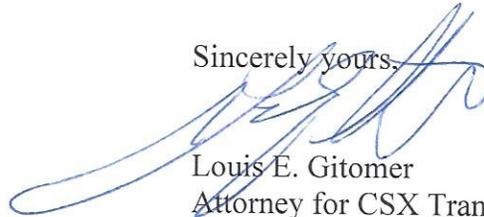
Notification.

Pursuant to VM33, in May and June 2017, notification signage was installed on the L&I Line to inform the public of the proposed increase in train speed and/or frequency along the line.

Pursuant to MM 23, a copy of this letter and the Excel spreadsheet of the semi-annual report have been served on each Mayor on the L&I Line.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure